

ILLINOIS PICNIC
Former and visiting Illinoisans will hold their annual Southern California midwinter picnic reunion at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Saturday, Jan. 20, 1945. A patriotic speak-

ing and musical program, beginning at 2 p.m. will be featured.
When you are in need of stationery, commercial or personal, call Torrance 444 or ad-

All-Time High Reached in War Bond St. Louis Browns Buying During Sixth Loan Drive

An all-time high record for War Bond buying in any campaign was achieved by Southern California during the recent Sixth War Loan drive.

Individuals and corporations piled up a total of \$591,430,000 in War Bond purchases for the two months' period ending Dec. 31, or 131 per cent of the \$451,000,000 quota.

Previous high mark of \$582,125,000 was attained in the Fifth War Loan drive.

The official figures were announced by Robert H. Moulton, chairman of the Treasury War Finance Committee for Southern California, coincident with the release of national drive totals by the Treasury Department in Washington.

A breakdown of the sales figures revealed that individuals, who lagged in bond buying during the first and middle of the drive, forged ahead the final two weeks, amassing a total of \$24,800,000 or 111 per cent of their quota. Of this figure, \$123,500,000 was invested in Series E Bonds, mainly in the smaller denominations, representing 107.4 per cent of the \$115,000,000 E Bond quota.

Over-all individual purchases in the Fifth Drive aggregated \$223,929,000.

Corporations bought a total of \$366,830,000 during the Sixth Drive, surpassing by \$2,634,000 their previous top figure, hung up in the previous campaigns. Corporation purchases represented 147.3 per cent of their \$249,000,000 goal.

"By going over the top in all categories in the Sixth War Loan drive and exceeding all past sales records, Southern California has demonstrated again that its citizens can be relied upon to shoulder their share, and more, in the huge war financing program," Moulton said.

The other members of the War Finance committee joined Moulton in extending thanks and congratulations to the hundreds of thousands of workers whose voluntary services made success of the drive possible and to the



APPRENTICE . . . Richard M. Thayer, apprentice seaman, stationed at San Diego Naval Training Center, San Diego. A son of Mr. and Mrs. John Marker of Camarillo and formerly of Torrance, he attended Torrance high school and has many friends here. Incidentally, he would like to hear from some of them. He may be addressed: Richard Thayer, A.S. Company 44-574, U.S.N.T.C., San Diego 33, Calif. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Marker of 1617 Arlington ave. Richard's brother, George, serving in A.A.F., left Christmas Day for his base in Mississippi.

THANKS FOR SUPPORT
James J. O'Toole, commander Disabled War Veterans, Tri-City chapter, wishes to extend sincere appreciation to the public for the splendid support of their annual "Forget-Me-Not" sale conducted in Torrance Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5 and 6.

bond buyers "who dug deep and, in many cases, put every spare dollar into the war to back up our fighting men."

St. Louis Browns Are Sponsoring Lomita Club

The St. Louis Browns have taken over sponsorship of the Lomita Redwings, changed the name of the club to the Lomita Mud Hens, and are furnishing equipment and uniforms to the players, according to announcement this week.

The club is owned by Charles C. Ausmus, who formed the unit some time ago, and made an agreement with Scout Peterson, of the Browns, for the sponsorship, limited for the time being but faring well to become a "farm" of the Browns.

The Mud Hens in losing 4 to 3 Sunday, Jan. 7 at Montebello, kept fan interest in their sensational series, at a fever pitch. The Montebello Merchants, firmly established as one of the five best semi-pro teams in Southern California, has had nothing but trouble with Lomita's great young team.

Lomita got off to a flying start against the slants of Coultis, dean of semi-pro pitchers, when Bob Hobbs, Lomita second baseman, slammed out Coultis' first pitch for a 375-foot home run. Ausmus followed with a single and scored on Shortstop Hicks' error. Lomita came back to score another in the second inning, when Jackson walked and Palica hit the scoreboard in deep center for a long double.

Ervin Palica started on the mound for Lomita and after pitching sensational ball for three innings, weakened to allow one run in the fourth. In the fifth the Montebello Merchants really came to life, collecting three straight hits to tie up the game, and that was all for Ervy. Bob Williams, Lomita's southpaw retired the side without further damage. However, he came up with a lame arm and Alex Palica was called on to finish the game. Montebello scored the winning run in the eighth. Lomita's stone wall defense carried into the second straight Sunday when they gave their



JAP EQUIPMENT DISPLAYED . . . John W. Snowder, aviation radioman, 2/c, serving with U. S. Naval Air Corps in the Philippines, has sent home many interesting articles found on Tarawa where his unit was sent several months ago. The display in the window of the J. C. Penney Company contains a Japanese shirt, field rifle, telegraph key, shell belt and the serviceman's picture. Snowder was a Columbia Steel employee before his induction. He is the son of Mrs. A. J. Phipps of 621 Cota ave., owner of the collection.

Merchant Marine Members to Get Furlough Gas

Members of the United States Merchant Marine engaged in active offshore duty will become eligible for gasoline while on furlough under an order announced here by Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance local ration board.

Heretofore members of the Merchant Marines have not been eligible for furlough gasoline.

To qualify for furlough gasoline, Merchant Marine personnel must apply to local war price and rationing boards, accompanying the application with one or more certificates of discharge or records of entry in the member's continuous discharge book.

The application also must state the purpose for which the ration is sought—to what points transportation is needed, including mileage.

Amounts of gasoline which boards are authorized to issue merchant marine members ranges from three gallons upon a showing of at least five weeks of active off-shore duty, up to a maximum of 30 gallons for 49 weeks or more off-shore duty.

ANNEXATION
Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. has been set as the date for a hearing before the Board of Supervisors on the petition for annexation of property to the Willowbrook County Fire Protection district, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

Three pitchers perfect support, with not one error being charged against the Mud Hens.

Lomita's return to form after weeks of dilatory play has Manager Ausmus sleeping nights again. Ervin Palica, who has been in a bad hitting slump for weeks, paved Lomita's attack with two hits and was robbed of a home run by a great one handed catch by Vatches, Montebello center fielder.

Exceptionally fine defensive play of the entire Lomita team should be mentioned with Bob Williams, first base; Bob Hobbs, second base; Gus Muehler, catcher, and Tex Roberts, center field, playing outstanding baseball.

Next Sunday, Jan. 14, Lomita plays Arrowhead Rubber at Hermosa.

Local Firm Is Involved in Stock Split

Several Southern California firms are members of Dresser Industries, Inc., whose directors voted at New York Thursday to split up the company's capital stock at a ratio of two to one and increase the authorized capitalization from 600,000 to 2,400,000 shares.

The Dresser board's action Thursday is subject to approval of the stockholders at the annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, March 19.

Arthur R. Weis, president of Pacific Pumps, Inc., Huntington Park, one of the Dresser members, is vice president of Dresser. Another California member is International Derrick and Equipment Co., Torrance.

Acquisition by Dresser of the Day and Night Manufacturing Co., Monterey; the Payne Furnace and Supply Co., Inc., Beverly Hills, and Kobe, Inc., Huntington Park, has been arranged. Commenting on the Dresser board's action in splitting up the stock and increasing the authorized capitalization, Mr. Weis said:

"These steps were taken to provide added marketability of the stock and to provide additional shares for the possible acquisition of properties in the future."

COLD WEATHER HOOD
A new cold weather hood, which buttons onto coats or jackets, has been developed by the Army. It is designed for wear over the regular field cap, or under a helmet and is made of wind resistant, water repellent sateen.

Lomita Theatre
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NOW PLAYING
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HEDY LAMARR and PAUL HENREID in
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-ALSO-
FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLY in
"HEAVENLY DAYS"

SUN. MON. TUES. WED. JAN. 14-15-16-17
FOUR BIG DAYS
DENNIS MORGAN and ELEANOR PARKER in
"The Very Thought of You"

-ALSO-
RAY MILLAND and BARBARA BRITTON in
"Till We Meet Again"

State Bans Sale Of Home Canned Low Acid Foods

Sale of home-canned low acid foods is in violation of the state cannery inspection act, Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, director of the state department of public health, warns.

"The department's food and drug inspectors have reported that such foods are being offered for sale at roadside stands, grocery stores and church bazaars, as well as being served to restaurant patrons," Dr. Halverson said. "Only commercially packed low acid foods, packed in licensed canneries under supervision, can be sold in California."

Last year in California, 11 cases of botulism poisoning with seven deaths, were caused by improperly home-canned foods such as corn, beans, asparagus, string beans and pigs feet, Dr. Halverson reported.

Non-acid foods include all vegetables except tomatoes and rhubarb, olives, meat, fish and poultry.

Radio Broadcast From High School

Harrison Wood presented his radio program "This Changing World," Jan. 3 from the high school auditorium. On the stage were seated five boys, the candidates for student body president and vice president, who one by one went to the microphone and asked a question pertaining to present day world problems which were answered and elaborated on by Wood. The five boys participating are Robert Maxfield, Bill Shaner, Dick Honrath, Werner Sommer, and Chuck Duane.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE Torrance National Bank
OF TORRANCE, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 30, 1944

Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

| ASSETS | |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Loans and discounts (including \$1,048.67 overdrafts)..... | 750,711.60 |
| 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed..... | 1,663,560.32 |
| 4. Other bonds, notes and debentures..... | 2,955.00 |
| 5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,600.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)..... | 3,600.00 |
| 6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection..... | 840,266.15 |
| 7. Bank premises owned \$42,664.82, furniture and fixtures \$5,735.59..... | 48,400.41 |
| (Bank premises owned are subject to no liens not assumed by bank) | |
| 11. Other assets..... | 18,362.87 |
| 12. TOTAL ASSETS..... | 3,327,856.35 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations..... | 1,785,536.80 |
| 14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations..... | 1,192,002.17 |
| 15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)..... | 153,404.35 |
| 16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions..... | 15,964.30 |
| 18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)..... | 26,403.60 |
| 19. TOTAL DEPOSITS..... | \$3,153,311.22 |
| 23. Other liabilities..... | 1,495.41 |
| 24. TOTAL LIABILITIES..... | 3,154,806.63 |
| CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | |
| 25. Capital Stock: | |
| (a) Class A preferred, total par \$20,000.00, retirable value \$20,000.00 (Rate of dividends on retirable value is 3%)..... | 100,000.00 |
| (c) Common stock, total par \$80,000.00..... | 20,000.00 |
| 26. Surplus..... | 30,459.66 |
| 27. Undivided profits..... | 26,590.06 |
| 28. Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)..... | 173,049.72 |
| 29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS..... | 3,327,856.35 |
| 30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS..... | 3,327,856.35 |
| MEMORANDA | |
| 31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value): | |
| (a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities..... | 263,860.94 |
| (b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)..... | 2,955.00 |
| (c) TOTAL..... | 266,815.94 |
| 32. Secured liabilities: | |
| (a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law..... | 141,681.15 |
| (d) - TOTAL..... | 141,681.15 |

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ss:
I, R. J. Deininger, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. J. DEININGER, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
CHAS. E. CONNER
CHAS. T. RIPPY
JAMES W. POST
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January, 1945.
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-ALSO-
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SUN. MON. TUES.
GREER GARSON and WALTER PIDGEON in
"MRS. PARKINGTON"

-ALSO-
"THE LAST RIDE"

NEXT WEEK—Starts WED.
"THE DOUGHGIRLS"

-ALSO-
"BABES ON SWING STREET"

TORRANCE THEATRE
PHONE TORRANCE 132

NOW—ENDS SAT.
"SEVEN DAYS LEAVE"

-ALSO-
"OVERLAND MAIL ROBBERY"

SUN. MON. TUES.
"DELINQUENT DAUGHTERS"

-ALSO-
"GANGS INCORPORATED"

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PHONE MELO 4-2522
EARPHONES FOR HARD-OF-HEARING
CRYING ROOMS FOR BABIES

NOW—ENDS SAT.
"TILL WE MEET AGAIN"

-ALSO-
"GIRL RUSH"

SUN. MON. TUES.
"RAINBOW ISLAND"

-ALSO-
"CRIME BY NIGHT"